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## AMERICAN GENERAL NOW IN COMMAND

### French General Relinquishes Command— Was Pleased

#### PRAISE FOR THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Compliments. Our Soldiers On Their Ardent Desire to Excel In Warfare.

With the American Army in France, Saturday, Feb. 9.—An American general now commands the sector of the front recently taken over by our troops. When the Americans first entered the sector it was under the command of a French general commanding a certain large unit of the French army.

In turning over the sector, to the American general on February 5, the French commander issued a general order in which he expressed complete satisfaction with our troops and was confident that the sector was in good hands, and if attacked would defend it with great valor.

#### Order for Transfer.

The order turning the sector over to the Americans, a copy of which was communicated to our forces, read:

"On February—the commanding general of—American unit takes command of—sector. The commanding general of—French unit takes occasion to express to the American general, the colonels of artillery and all of the American units, which have been under his orders, complete satisfaction with the way in which the American troops have acquitted themselves for the mission entrusted to them. Their good will and their ardent desire to excel and the rapidity with which they have adapted themselves to life of the sector have Gen.—hands over the sector with confidence that it is in good hands and that the American troops will organize it with method and the tenacity characterizing American genius and in case of attack will defend it with great valor."

#### ORDER OF CITY BOARD OF HEALTH

Abbeville, S. C., Feb. 9, 1918. On account of the presence of the first case of epidemic meningitis in the city, we order that the churches, schools and moving pictures of the City be closed until Monday, Feb. 17th, 1918.

We also recommend and urge parents to keep their children at home and co-operate with us in using all precautions possible to prevent the spreading of this disease.

J. R. Power, Acting Chairman.  
J. S. Morse,  
Wm. E. Hill,  
C. C. Gambrell, M. D.  
City Board of Health.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our appreciation to our friends for the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness shown us through many weeks. Not only did our neighbors and friends in town outdo themselves in ministering during the long illness of our two sisters, but many in the surrounding country remembered us handsomely. We cannot write to every one, but we desire to make known in this public way their goodness and our deep gratitude for the same. We feel that more has been done for us than was ever done for any others in this community.

Miss Rebecca D. Cater.  
Mrs. Sarah A. Wilson.

### Daylight Saving Plan Will Soon Be In Force

Measure Is Favorably Reported to the House by Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Washington, Feb. 9.—That the United States will go on daylight rationing between March 30 and October 30 seemed certain today when the interstate foreign commerce committee favorably reported the Borland daylight saving bill to the House.

The bill would set standard and railway time ahead one hour. A bill to begin saving daylight, April 30 and to end the period September 30 recently was enacted by the Senate, but Senator Calder said today that an amendment to increase the time by two months would be acceptable by the Senate without conference.

#### DEATH OF MR. MARCUS KELLER

When the news came to the city Friday that Mr. Marcus Keller was dead there were many expressions of surprise for it was not generally known that he was not well. While Mr. Keller has never been called a robust man he has not been considered a sick man. On the second Heatless Monday he went out to his home in the Long Cane section to visit his home people. He was not feeling well so he stayed out there to rest up and be ready for the work in the store when the good weather came. On last Sunday he stayed in bed and then on Thursday he became very sick, so much so that his family were alarmed. He died at about two o'clock Friday afternoon. The cause of his death was uraemic poisoning.

Mr. Keller was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. L. Keller and was born in Seawee County Florida April 17, 1870. When he was about ten years old his parents moved to this county where they have made their home ever since. One sister, Mary Emma, died in Florida when she was quite young. All of his other brothers still survive. They are, Messrs. L. W. Keller of this city, Mr. I. L. Keller of Clemson, and Messrs H. E., W. W. and C. W., of near the city, and three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Johnson of Hartsville, Misses Annie and Sudie Keller of near the city.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church Saturday at one o'clock and the interment was at Melrose cemetery. Rev. J. L. Daniels, his pastor, made a few very appropriate remarks which expressed the life of the man which were said in five words, "He was a good man." Mr. Keller was very liberal in his charity giving to every needy cause that he was asked to and hunting up places where he could best help. He was never married. When quite a young boy he joined the Ebenezer Methodist Church but, on coming to Abbeville to make his home he moved his membership here. For years he has been associated with his brother here in the mercantile business and they have prospered by their fair treatment of their customers.

Deep sympathy is felt for the family in this sad hour.

#### MRS. EAKIN.

Mrs. T. B. Eakin of Honea Path, was a visitor in Abbeville on Saturday. She is a subscriber to The Press and Banner and while in the city she came around and renewed her subscription. She says that she likes to read the news and she is sure to get it in The Press and Banner.

## THE SAME, YESTERDAY, TODAY, FOREVER.

Ever since the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia tolled its message to the world in 1776 this country has lived for Liberty and Right "as God gives us to see the Right." The language of our Presidents from the time of George Washington to this day breathes these highest ideals.

So in this greatest of all wars the President again expresses the noblest of sentiments, emphasizing again and again "that this is a war of high principles, debased by no selfish ambitions of conquest or spoliation," and "the cause being just and holy, the sentiment must be of like motive and quality."

It seems most fitting, therefore, that on this day, February 12, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, we should hear again the words of this great President in his Gettysburg address. For it is a wonderful expression of the cause for which this Nation has always fought and is still fighting to-day.

#### LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

## LIVES SNUFFED OUT BY SUBMARINE

### Names of 1,832 American Troops Saved, Come By Cable

#### LIST OF THE UNREPORTED

Probably More Than 200 of Those Appearing on the List Are Safe In Ireland.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Eighteen hundred and thirty-two names of American soldiers rescued from the torpedoed liner Tuscania had, been reported tonight to the War Department, leaving 345 of the soldiers, on board unaccounted for. No official report has reached the department to change the estimate that all except 118 of the men were saved, but the names have been coming in very slowly over the cables, and there is no assurance as to when the list will be complete.

From the names so far received and the passenger list of the lost steamer the Associated Press has compiled the record of those still not reported. Probably more than 200 of the men whose names appear on this record are safe in Ireland and will be so reported soon.

#### INJURED BY FALL.

A. C. Sutherland, who has the contract to build the concrete house of Miss Corrie Killingsworth, on South Main street, fell from the upstairs window yesterday and was severely injured. He broke one leg in two places just below the knee and the heel and on the other foot he broke the bone in the heel. He was taken immediately to his boarding place where he had immediate medical attention. He was taken on the Southern to his home in Columbia on the afternoon train.

## CAN'T SINK NEW AMERICAN SHIPS

### Means Found to Make Transport Secure from Submarines

#### SHIP FLOATS WITH HOLE IN IT

Vice Chairman of Naval Consulting Board Makes Far Reaching Statement.

New York, Feb. 9.—Means have been found to make transports unsinkable by submarines, according to a statement made here tonight by Wm. L. Saunders, vice chairman of the naval consulting board, in an address at a dinner of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni.

Mr. Saunders said that one of the ships recently commandeered by the government "now lies at an Atlantic port and in such shape that she can not be sunk by an exploding torpedo."

"I can conceive of no reason why this information should be withheld," he added. "On the contrary, I believe it is well that the enemy may come to realize that the time has been reached when American transports are ready for the transportation of our troops which the enemy can not sink."

"This ship may have a hole 30 or 40 feet in diameter blown in her side and she will remain afloat. Such a hole would waterlog but one length of the honey combed airtight cells."

Mr. Saunders described in detail the plan to keep ships afloat after they had been torpedoed and the manner in which it had been developed by William F. Donnelly, a New York engineer, working under authorization of the navy consulting board.

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## LONG WESTERN FRONT SEES INFANTRY CLASH

### Heatless Mondays Ended Yesterday

Fuel Administration Officials Announce Great Improvement in Traffic Conditions.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The East will observe tomorrow what fuel administration officials today predicted would be its last heatless Monday. Already the closing has been suspended in so far as it applies to eight Southern States south of Virginia and officials believe the good weather of the last few days with its consequent improvement in railroad traffic conditions will make enforcement unnecessary anywhere after this week.

#### DEATH OF MRS. MARY CAROLINE GARY

Mrs. Mary Caroline Gary, daughter of Stephen Blackburn and his wife, Elizabeth Gary, of Newberry County, and wife of the late Dr. Franklin F. Gary, of Abbeville, S. C., and mother of Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary and Circuit Judge Frank B. Gary, died at the home of Chief Justice Gary on Saturday morning, February 9th, at five o'clock, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Gary, at the time of her death, was in her eighty-fifth year. Most of her life had been spent at Cokesbury and Abbeville, S. C. Her pastor, Dr. G. W. Swope, in his tribute to her memory at the grave, which is published in another column of this issue, mentioned most of the facts in her life, which should be mentioned at this time. It might be said of her distinguished husband, in addition to what Mr. Swope so well said, that he was a brigade surgeon in the War Between the States, stationed the greater portion of the time at Charleston, S. C.

Cornelia, the mother of Tiberius Sempronius Gracchus and Gaius Sempronius Gracchus, said of herself that she sought none of the honors in life which belonged to men, but that she was content to be the mother of the Gracchi. Mrs. Gary imitated her worthy example. Endowed with a mind capable of grasping the many questions, which have engaged the attention of men during the long period of her eventful life, and of mastering these questions as well as they, she found her handiwork, nevertheless, in the home and she was content to rear sons to become law-makers, law-interpreters and active citizens of the country.

She gave to the Bench of South Carolina three judges, a distinction which has come to no other woman in South Carolina, nor perhaps in the whole country. Two of these sons survive her and are still serving their State in the full vigor of their mentality. The other son, Judge Ernest Gary, who was first a distinguished lawyer, and afterwards, for twenty-two years, one of the most learned circuit judges on the Bench, preceded her to the grave some years ago. An only daughter, Mrs. Marie Gary Eason, of Charleston, S. C., is a worthy daughter of her noble mother.

Funeral services were conducted at Long Cane cemetery Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in the presence of numbers of her friends. Her body was laid to rest beneath the grave some years ago. An only band in the Gary plot, in the historic old burying ground, to await the Resurrection.

A choir consisting of Mrs. J. D. Kerr, Mrs. Bedford Davis, Misses Lizzie Edmunds and Pevna Seal and Messrs. J. S. Cochran and W. W. Brandley sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "Nearer My God, to Thee" at

### Violence of Military Activity, On Entire Western Front.

#### AMERICAN SOLDIERS TRAPPED BY ENEMY

Small Party Ambuscaded By Germans, Fights Valiantly Against Superior Forces.

The military activity in the major theaters of the war daily continues to increase. From the North Sea all along the line in Belgium and France and on the northern Italian front from the region of Lake Garda eastward toward the Piave River, there have been clashes between opposing infantry at various points and bombardments of extremely violent proportion on numerous sectors.

Again American troops holding the line in the region of St. Mihiel have come into contact with the Germans and suffered a few casualties. These men, operating between the lines, were ambuscaded by a superior force of the enemy, but fought valiantly against great odds until they were either killed or made prisoners.

Immediately the patrol was attacked, the guns of the Americans in the trenches laid down a barrage against the Germans.

The German artillery again has begun an intensive bombardment of British positions in the neighborhood of the Houtholst forest, north of Ypres, and southwest of Cambrai, while violent duels are in progress between the Germans and the French around Nieuport, in the Champagne, on the Verdun sector and in the Vosges. The German official communication says there has been increased activity against the Germans on both sides of the Moselle.

Except for several attempted raids by the Germans and Austrians on the northern Italian front, the big guns on both sides are doing all of the work.

#### NEGRO SHOTS ANOTHER.

Henry Young is in jail as the result of his shooting Henry Smith Sunday afternoon. It is said that Smith was trying to take Young's wife away from him. Two loads from a double barrel shot gun were emptied in Smith. He is in a critical condition and may die. They live on the plantations of Mr. Charles Evans and Mr. W. J. Evans, at Lebanon.

#### MRS. CARWILE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carwile, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. John Evans at Lebanon, fell Sunday afternoon and it is thought she broke her hip. She was taken over to Dr. Pryor's yesterday. Mrs. Carwile is about 74 years old.

#### U. D. C. POSTPONED.

On account of the quarantine the U. D. C. meeting will be indefinitely postponed.

the conclusion of Dr. Swope's address.

Among her near kindred who came to Abbeville to pay their last tribute to her memory, were the following: Hon. John Gary Evans, Spartanburg; Hon. N. George Evans, of Edgefield; Barnard B. Evans, Esq., of Columbia; Frank G. Tompkins, Esq., of Columbia; John M. Kinard, of Newberry, and Miss Mary Evans of Edgefield, and Mrs. Thos Pope, of Kinards.